Targets in Seventh Five Year Plan for Opening Kendria Vidyalayas

931. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government had decided to open 100 Kendriya Vidyalayas annually during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether the target has since been achieved; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not adise.

Increase in Employment Opportunities for Labour

@932. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of increase in the employment of labour in the country both in rural and urban areas at the end of 1988 as compared to the emploment opportunities created at the end of 1987;

(b) whether any evaluation of programmes for alleviating poverty are creating employment for the labour in the States had been made by the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The information on percentage of increase in employment of labour in the country both in rural and urban areas at the end of 1988 as compared to the employment opportunities created at the end of 1987 is not available except for the organised sector. The employment in organised sector stood at 25.96 million in December, 1988 as compared to 25.62 million in December, 1987.

(b) Evaluation of programmes for self and wage employment generation namely, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) which is a major poverty alleviation programme and National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) which was in operation till 1988-89 in order to generate rural employment as also a measure of poverty alleviation were carried out by P.E.O. in 1985 and in 1987 respectively. Besides, these programmes were also concurrently evaluated by Department of Rural Development.

(c) On the basis of the findings of the evaluation studies, mid-course correction of the programmes are effected. The findings are also useful for modification of wage employment programmes.

Space Research Programmes at Sahar, Sriharikota in Andhra Pdadesh

933. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the programmes at Sahar, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh in space research; and

(b) what are the details regarding targets and their achievements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDU-

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